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1. THERE FOLLOWS RELEVANT TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S OCTOBER 5
REMARKS AT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR JOINT RESOLUTION ON
RAOUL WALLENBERG:

2. BEGIN TEXT: TODAY...I AM SIGNING THE BILL TO MAKE
RAOUL WALLENBERG AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED -
STATES. BUT IN MAKING HIM A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, I
THINK WE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE BEING HONORED.
. RAOUL WALLENBERG IS THE SWEDISH SAVIOR OF ALMOST
100,000 JEWISH MEN, WOMEN AND-CHILDREN. WHAT HE DID,
WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHED WAS OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS. SIR
WINSTON CHURCHILL, ANOTHER MAN OF FORCE AND FORTITUDE.
IS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED HONORARY -
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND AS JOHN F. KENNEDY SAID
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AT THAT SIGNING CEREMONY, "INDIFFERENT HIMSELF TO

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DANGER. HE WEPT OVER THE SORROWS OF OTHERS."

. THAT COMPASSION ALSO EXEMPLIFIES THE MAN WE ARE

GATHERED HERE FOR TODAY. IN 1944 THE UNITED STATES REQUESTED SWEDEN'S COOPERATION IN PROTECTING THE LIVES OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FACING EXTERMINATION AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS.

. IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, THE UNITED STATES SUPPLIED THE FUNDS AND THE DIRECTIVES AND RAOUL WALLENBERG SUPPLIED THE COURAGE AND THE PASSION. HOW CAN WE COMPREHEND THE MORAL WORTH OF A MAN WHO SAVED TENS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES INCLUDING THOSE OF CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. LANTOS.

. IN 1945, IN VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, HE WAS SEIZED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE NAZIS WERE GONE AND THE SOVIETS HAD COME IN AS AN ALLY, AND YET TODAY THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT HE IS STILL IMPRISONED BY THE SOVIETS. WHEREVER HE IS, HIS HUMANITY BURNS LIKE A TORCH.

. I HEARD SOMEONE SAY THAT A MAN HAS MADE AT LEAST A START ON UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF HUMAN LIFE WHEN HE PLANTS SHADE TREES UNDER WHICH HE KNOWS HE WILL NEVER SIT. RAOUL WALLENBERG IS JUST SUCH A MAN. HE NURTURED THE LIVES OF THOSE HE NEVER KNEW AT THE RISK OF HIS OWN. AND THEN JUST RECENTLY I WAS TOLD THAT IN A SPECIAL AREA BEHIND THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN ISRAEL, HUNGARIAN JEWS NOW LIVING IN SWEDEN PLANTED 10,000 TREES IN RAOUL'S HONOR.

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. MRS. LAGERGREN, MR. VON DARDEL, WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER SO THAT YOUR BROTHER CAN SIT BENEATH THE SHADE OF THOSE TREES AND ENJOY THE RESPECT AND LOVE THAT SO MANY HOLD FOR HIM. END TEXT. HAIG

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